GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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REGISTRATION OF INDIAN PLANES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Government is aware that the Indian planes are still being registered in the name of Viceroy Territory (VT) even after 60 years of independence;

(b): if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c): whether the said registration at an international level till now is proper for the country;

(d): if so, the reasons therefor;

(e): if not, whether the Government proposes to get the Indian planes registered in some other prestigious name of the country instead on the said Viceroy;

(f): if so, the time by which this change is likely to be carried out; and

(g): if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) to (g): In accordance with the provisions of Annex 7 of the Chicago Convention, the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) has alloted `VT` as the Nationality and Registration mark for Indian registered aircraft. The code is part of a five letter registration number of an aircraft.Government is examining the possibility of change in registration in consultation with ICAO, if any code is available which closely represents the name of the country.